

STEAMER ON FIRE.

Signals of Distress and Demand for Help Sent Out From the Liner Patria.

THE VESSEL ENVELOPED IN SMOKE.

Russian Steamer Ceres Responded and 150 Passengers Were Taken Off the Burning Ship.

The Captain Hopes to Put the Vessel Ashore Somewhere on the Coast Where There Will Be a Possibility of Saving Her.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The Russian steamer Ceres sighted the Patria showing signals of distress and demanding immediate help about 12 miles from North Hinder lightship. The liner was enveloped in smoke. Putting on full steam the Ceres, soon reached the Patria, and sending a boat learned that Capt. Frolich was in urgent need of assistance.

The boats were got out and with difficulty all the Patria's passengers, numbering 150, were transferred to the Ceres, which proceeded for Dover, where she arrived just before midnight.

Francis W. Prescott, the United States consul in Dover, was immediately notified, and he consulted with the harbor authorities, who arranged to send out the harbor tug Lady Vita, which brought the rescued ashore. Among the saved are many ladies and children, as well as six babies in arms. The hurry of the rescue was indicated by the fact that most of them were enveloped in blankets only. They were rapidly distributed among the hotels or sent to the sailors' home, and everything possible is being done for their comfort.

According to interviews with some of the passengers which elicited the fact that most of them are American citizens who have come for a vacation in Europe, all were ordered on deck at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning, when they were informed that a disastrous fire had broken out among the general cargo, and as the crew were unable to master it the captain said he considered it advisable for the passengers to take to the boats. At this time it was evident that the fire had obtained a thorough hold upon the cargo. Smoke and flames were ascending with overpowering force and causing the greatest alarm.

The crew, according to several passengers, worked like heroes in their endeavors to keep the flame under, but the great quantity of linseed among the cargo and the oil supplied by this made all their efforts hopeless. There was very great excitement among the women and children, but the example set by the coolness of Capt. Frolich and the crew had a calming effect on the passengers generally.

The boats were promptly got over the side, the crew working as if they were at drill. The safety of the ladies and the children was the first consideration. As the fire had by this time consumed the greater part of the passengers' belongings they had to get into the boats as they had come up from their bunks, and some in very slight rain.

The scene was a striking one, with some touching aspects, as husbands and fathers parted from wives and children. Although everything was carried out under the most trying conditions, thanks to the coolness of the captain and crew there was no panic, and all of the passengers being gotten into the boats and into two fishing boats, said to belong to Yarmouth, which had come up in the meantime.

Just as this had been effected a large steamer was seen to be making for the burning liner. She proved to be the Ceres, which first sent a boat and then picked up all the Patria's passengers. The Ceres offered also to take off Capt. Frolich and the crew, but the latter preferred to remain by the vessel so long as there was any chance of saving her, although there was the greatest danger in doing so, her hull being red-hot at the time and there being every evidence that she would burn for a considerable period.

The passengers say they learned from the officers that Capt. Frolich hopes to put his steamer ashore at some point on the coast where there will be a possibility of saving her. The scheme is a bold one and does credit to a gallant crew, and which it is hoped may be successful.

The passengers, who had had nothing to eat since half-past 7 Wednesday morning, were treated with the greatest kindness on being landed at Dover. Among them were 24 ladies and about 20 children, who looked very wretched as they landed at the admiralty pier.

The crew of the liner is said to consist chiefly of Americans.

The Boers Repulsed.
LONDON, Nov. 16.—The Times publishes the following dispatch from Bulawayo dated Thursday, November 9: The Boers attacked the Bechuanaland Chief Khama at Selika Kop on our side of Crocodile river yesterday and were repulsed. Khama is confident and is working heartily with us. He is supported by 100 men from here. Chief Lincheve, who was at first loyal, is thought to be wavering.

IN GOEBEL'S FAVOR.

An Important Decision on the Recent Election in Kentucky Delivered by the Court of Appeals.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 16.—Goebel gained 52 votes Wednesday afternoon on the official count of the returns from this city. It was on the first precinct of the Eighth ward. Aside from this there were no changes anywhere in the state Wednesday. It is thought the canvassing of the Jefferson county votes will be completed in a few days. Then the whole question will be put before the state board, which will meet at Frankfort some time between now and December 4.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 16.—There was renewed confidence around the Goebel headquarters Wednesday night, probably as a result of the decision of the court of appeals Wednesday, dealing an unexpected blow to the republicans by a ruling which practically decides in advance adversely the mandamus suits filed by Taylor's attorneys in several counties to compel the county election commissioners to certify the vote. It is probable now that the Jefferson board which includes Louisville will proceed to throw out several precincts in that county contested on grounds of fraud, especially where the state militia were present or near the polls on election day. It was claimed here Wednesday night that Taylor's 3,600 plurality in the city of Louisville may now be almost wiped out.

ANCIENT CITY OF NIPPUR.

University of Pennsylvania Fitting Out Another Expedition to Babylonia to Make Excavations.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 16.—The university of Pennsylvania has just fitted out another expedition to Babylonia to complete the excavation of the ancient city of Nippur. The work is under the direct control of Dr. Herman V. Hilprecht, of the university, the famous assyriologist. The university has been conducting these excavations for the last 10 years at a total expense of more than \$100,000. The cost of the present expedition will be about \$35,000.

The party will proceed to Aden, on the Persian gulf, and thence up the Tigris river to Bagdad, from which city the journey will be for several days through the Arabian desert. The expedition will reach Nippur about the latter part of January. The work is done under a special firman issued by the sultan of Turkey to the university of Pennsylvania.

AT THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

A Typical American Machine Shop Will Be Erected—The Material for the Structure Now on the Way.

HARTFORD, Ct., Nov. 16.—There was shipped from East Berlin Wednesday 27 cars of structural material from the works of the Berlin Iron Bridge Co., consigned to the United States commission at Paris. This train load of material is for the steel frame work of a typical American machine shop to be used exclusively by the American exhibition of iron and wood making machinery at the fair. This material comprises a building 343 feet long and 74 feet wide. It will be equipped with motive power in order that American exhibitors may show their machinery at practical work and at the same time make an exhibit of a typical American machine shop with all modern appliances.

The Alaskan Boundary Question.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The indications are decidedly against any reopening in the immediate future of negotiations looking toward a permanent adjustment of the Alaskan boundary question. It can be stated positively that there have been absolutely no exchanges on this subject between the two governments since the return to this country of Lord Pauncefoot.

Monument to Illinois Troops.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 16.—Gov. Tanner and the other state officers and Gov. Tanner's military staff will leave Chicago Monday, November 20, on a special train on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad for Chattanooga, Tenn., to attend the dedication of the monument to Illinois troops on the Chickamauga battlefield, which will occur Thursday, November 23.

Wireless Telegraphy.

SOUTHAMPTON, Nov. 16.—The American Line steamer St. Paul, Capt. Jamison, from New York, passed Hurst Castle at 5:45 p. m. Wednesday. Signor Marconi, who was a passenger on the St. Paul, telegraphed from her when 45 miles outside the Needles, to Totland bay, that all was well and that it was expected the steamer would arrive here at 7 o'clock.

A Number of Meteors Seen at Boston.

BOSTON, Nov. 16.—The sky cleared beautifully in this vicinity at about 1 o'clock Wednesday morning, and with the moon swinging down into the west. At Harvard observatory a large one was photographed soon after midnight, and the observers at that time were very hopeful of sighting many more meteors before dawn.

Lake Steamer Sinks.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—The steamer Conaugh while entering Chicago harbor Wednesday night collided with the water works crib. The steamer, as a result of the collision, sank at the pier.

JOUBERT KILLED.

The Boer Commander Reported to Have Lost His Life in Action November 9.

INCESSANT NIGHT ATTACKS MADE.

Capt. Fitzclarence's Party Steals Up on the Boers and Slaughters Them in Their Trenches.

The Enemy Pours a Deadly Rifle Fire Into Ladysmith—The English Garrison Hangs On Finely—An English Ruse That Worked.

DURBAN, Sunday, Nov. 12.—It is rumored here that Commandant Gen. Joubert, of the Boer forces, is dead.

DURBAN, Sunday, Nov. 12.—The Times, of Natal, publishes a telegram from Lounzo Marques, saying that Gen. Joubert was killed in action on Thursday, November 9.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Mafeking, sent by way of Magalapy because the runners sent southward were unable to traverse the Boer lines, gives an interesting account of the fighting during the last week in October. The correspondent says:

After the failure to rush the town Gen. Cronje had recourse to the tactics employed during the siege of Potchefstroom in 1881, making an advance to the town by a succession of trenches in echelon.

Such a movement had been anticipated by us for some time, and for that reason there had been sent out parties to worry the Boers incessantly by night attacks. These tactics the

were wasted on the occasion of the night attack on the Boer trenches.

Double rations have been served out to the men, who are under shelter, so as to be on the safe side if the Boers should sweep the town by a long-range rifle fire. The garrison is hanging on finely. Col. Baden Powell has the fullest confidence in everybody, especially in the matter of implicit obedience to the order to hold the fire until the Boers get to close range.

"The shelling continued all Sunday at intervals. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon Gen. Cronje sent in a flag of truce, giving Mafeking a last chance to surrender at the eleventh hour. While the flag was receiving attention the heavy bombardment continued."

The dispatch then describes Gen. Cronje's great attack of Monday, the details of which have already been cabled from Col. Baden Powell's official dispatches.

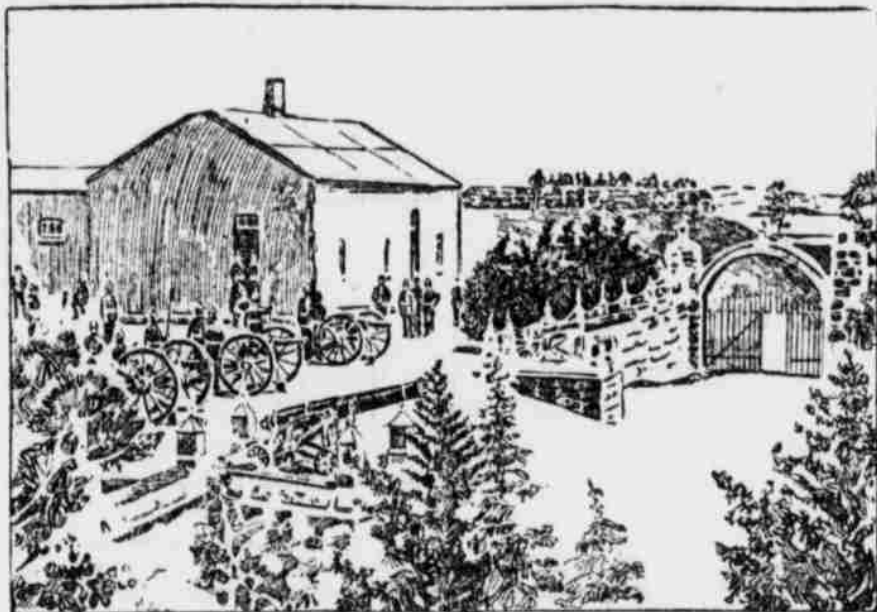
The end came "says the correspondent," after five hours fighting. The enemy retired being heavily beaten for all time so far as Mafeking is concerned. It was the hottest day of the siege and the firing was terrific, the Boers evidently recognizing that the way into Mafeking if any is by a kopje which was gallantly defended by Col. Walford's men.

"The garrison is jubilant, while the Boers have been hurled back in disorder on their laager and will have to content themselves with a long range bombardment unless they are strongly reinforced."

"The enemy lost heavily. For hours after their fighting line had been rolled back two wagons went slowly along their position, picking up the dead and wounded."

"The kopje resembled a shambles after the fight. All the men were killed by bullets or shells. The look-out tower was shot to pieces, while even the saddles of the horses were fearfully battered about. The whole place was simply smashed up by the concentrated fire of seven guns and 1,000 rifles."

BOER FORT AT BLOEMFONTEIN.



View of the principal defense of the Capital of the Orange Free State.

enemy disliked, but he contented himself with a daily shell fire which exposed him to little personal risk. Then Col. Baden-Powell played his trump card by sending out Fitzclarence's party to worry the occupants of the trenches. The little force stole out silently in the darkness. No shot was fired, and the men with fixed bayonets, creeping rather than walking along, gradually approached the chief Boer position, near the race course. Then as they closed in, there was a shrill screech. It was Fitzclarence's whistle and the signal for the onslaught.

"A ringing British cheer, which the listeners back in camp caught up, was the only reply as the party dashed into the trenches. There was a fearful struggle, the attacking forces catching and bayoneting the Boers under the tarpaulins, where they crouched, crying for mercy. At least 50 bayonets got to work and the havoc they wrought was terrible."

"For just a moment there was no systematic return fire, but then a perfect hailstorm of bullets poured in from the trenches to the rear. Again Fitzclarence's whistle sounded. It meant cease firing and scatter home! The British forces scattered silently, creeping back under the furious fire in the darkness to the appointed rendezvous where the roll was called."

"Col. Baden Powell met and congratulated Capt. Fitzclarence and his men upon their splendid work, saying that it was a heavy price to pay, but that the Boers had to be stopped making rifle trenches within range of the town. The members of the party are now the envy and pride of the garrison. Even the Boer commander, Botha, expressed admiration of the attack, and added that he would take Mafeking before long, for he meant to do one thing or the other quickly."

"Sunday passed quietly, the volunteer band playing in the woman's laager. All Sunday night the Boers poured a rifle fire into the town. It was set going after dinner Sunday evening, when Col. Baden-Powell hoisted a red lamp on the communique, which was the scene of Capt. Fitzclarence's night attack. The ruse answered splendidly. The moment the light appeared the Boers opened fire immediately and the fire lasted the whole night through."

There had been a tremendous waste of ammunition. Indeed, it is estimated 30,000 rounds of ball cartridge

AGUINALDO'S ORDERS.

Do Not Oppose the Americans' Advance—Burn the Villages as They Are Evacuated—Divide Forces Into Bands.

MANILA, Nov. 16.—Gen. Hughes, with parts of the 19th and 25th regiments, moved from Iloilo Thursday, November 9, to Otton, six miles west, for the purpose of capturing Santa Barbara, the rebel stronghold, ten miles north of Iloilo. Heavy rains preceded the movement, and the roads were in places impassable. The same night Col. Carpenter, with the 18th regiment and Battery G of the 6th artillery, moved westward from Jaro to connect with Gen. Hughes. Col. Carpenter was forced to return to Jaro on account of the roads and the entire movement was hampered by lack of proper transportation. Company C of the 26th regiment had the only fighting. When three miles out of Jaro this company charged the rebel trenches and three of the enemy were killed. One American was wounded.

Gen. Hughes, November 12, occupied Tagbayan and Guimbal on the southern coast, and also Cordova in the interior. The enemy did not oppose Gen. Hughes' advance. Recent orders from Aguinaldo found in the trenches said: "Do not oppose the Americans' advance. Burn the villages as they are evacuated. Divide the forces into bands of 40. Harass the Americans on every occasion." Araneta, the rebel leader of the Island of Panay, was captured at Tagbayan while attempting to pass the lines into Iloilo.

Two battalions of the 26th will garrison Iloilo and Jaro. San Miguel, visible from Iloilo, has been burned by the rebels.

It is reported that an expedition, evading the navy, recently landed arms and ammunition on the Antique coast, and that the rebels threaten opposition with an armed force of 3,000 men. These stories are not believed.

All ports of the Sulu Islands outside of the American possessions have been ordered closed to commerce.

Killed His Grandparen's.

MEADVILLE, Ga., Nov. 16.—Jim Johnston, a Negro about 30 years old, killed his grandfather and grandmother, Frank and Sukey Baker, here Wednesday. The boy was reproved by the old man for some misbehavior. He committed the murder with an ax and escaped.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Wednesday's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$291,222,882; gold reserve, \$255,000,917.

The supreme court of Tennessee has decided against the American Tobacco Co. in the case brought to test the law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes in Tennessee.

Chattanooga merchants are taking steps to institute suit against the Louisville & Nashville and other railroads to recover excessive freight paid for the past six years, amounting to several hundred thousand dollars.

Gerson Siegel, vice president of the Siegel-Cooper Co., died Wednesday at his home in New York after an illness of three months. He was 62 years old. Heart trouble was the cause of death.

Frank Erne, of Buffalo, and Jack O'Brien, of New York, have been matched again to fight for a purse of \$5,000 and the lightweight championship at the Coney Island sporting club on the night of December 4.

The steamer Otericame in to Mobile, Ala., Wednesday morning, reporting storms in Spanish Honduras so severe as to wash out bridges on the Honduras railroad and prevent handling of fruit by rail. The Oteric, therefore, brought no banana cargo.

George Windham, British parliamentary under secretary of state for war, addressing his constituents at Dover Wednesday evening, said that next to the affection which the colonies felt for the mother country he would place the friendship of America.

The troop ship Hawarden Castle, with the 3d battalion of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, has arrived at Durban, bringing the number of reinforcements that have landed there up to 5,225. Five other troop ships are now en route from Cape Town to Durban.

The steamship Managua, from Guatemalan ports, has arrived at Mobile, Ala., with a cargo of bananas, reporting that since the Guatemalan government put on an export duty of ten cents a stem on bananas, planters have stopped cutting and cargoes of the fruit are not obtainable.

J. E. Crandall, formerly president of the First national bank of Johnson City, Tenn., and who in 1896 was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary for embezzlement, has been released. President McKinley reduced the sentence upon application of citizens of his vicinity.

The mile bicycle record was reduced to 1:19 Wednesday at Garfield park, Chicago, by Major Taylor, the colored rider. This clips two seconds off the former world's record which was held by Eddie McDuffee. Taylor was paced by a motorcycle fitted up with wind shield attachments.

Word was received at Atlanta, Ga., Wednesday of the death in New York city of Thaddeus E. Horton, of the New York Times. Mr. Horton was well known in Atlanta and was at different times managing editor of the Atlanta Journal and correspondent for the Associated Press. He was a native of South Carolina.

At Kansas City, Mo., John Haslett, a horse trainer, shot and killed his wife Wednesday afternoon and perhaps fatally wounded Chas. Berry and Maud Mitchell. The shooting took place at 413 West Second street, where Haslett burst into a room occupied by his wife, Berry and the Mitchell woman. Jealousy led to the shooting.

Marine Engineers.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Lieut. Commander Colwell, the United States naval attaché here, was a guest at the annual banquet Wednesday of the Institute of Marine Engineers. He spoke of the importance of marine engineering in modern navies, saying: "In the United States navy we have concluded and acted on the conclusion that the seamen of the future must of necessity be a marine engineer."

Hardwood Convention.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 16.—The National Hardwood Lumber association convened in Memphis Thursday. The sessions of the organization will cover three days. Many delegates are arriving from the important lumber sections of the country, and a large attendance is assured.

Production of Copper in October.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—According to figures compiled by the New York metal exchange the production of copper in October was almost 24,000 tons, an amount very much in excess of any previous month in the history of the exchange.

MARKET REPORT.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 15.
FLOUR—Spring patent, \$2.04 1/2; spring fancy, \$2.10 1/2; spring family, \$2.00 1/2; winter family, \$2.00 1/2; winter patent, \$2.00 1/2; extra, \$2.00 1/2; low grade, \$1.75 1/2; northwestern rye, \$2.00 1/2; do city, \$1.75 1/2.
WHEAT—Sales: No 2 red, quotable nominally at 70c.
HOGS—Select shippers, \$4.00 1/2; select butchers, \$3.90 1/2; fair to good packers, \$3.80 1/2; fair to good light, \$3.75 1/2; common and rough, \$3.50 1/2.
CATTLE—Fair to good shippers, \$4.00 1/2; good to choice butchers, \$4.25 1/2; fair to medium butchers, \$3.75 1/2; common, \$3.50 1/2.
SHEEP—Extras, \$3.50 1/2; good to choice, \$3.00 1/2; common to fair, \$2.00 1/2.
LAMBS—Extras, \$4.75 1/2; good to choice, \$4.50 1/2; common to fair, \$3.00 1/2.
VEAL CALVES—Fair to good light, \$3.00 1/2; common and large, \$2.00 1/2.
CHICAGO, Nov. 15.
WHEAT—December, 67 1/2c; May, 71 1/2c.
CORN—November, 21 1/2c; December, 21 1/2c; 31 1/2c; January, 20 1/2c; May, 25 1/2c.
OATS—November, 21 1/2c; December, 22 1/2c; May, 27 1/2c.



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